Enter King

But one ten thousand of those men in England,
That do no work to-day !
K. HEN. What's he, that wishes so ?
My cousin Westmoreland ? — No, my fair cousin :
If we are mark'd to die, we are enough
To do our country loss ; and if to live,
The fewer men, the greater share of honour.
God's will ! I pray thee, wish not one man more.
By Jove [2], I am not covetous for gold :
Nor care I, who doth feed upon my cost ;
It yearns me not [3], if men my garments wear ;
Such outward things dwell not in my desires :
But, if it be a sin to covet honour,
I am the most offending soul alive.
No, 'faith, my coz, wish not a man from England :
God's peace ! I would not lose so great an honour,
As one man more, methinks, would share from me,
For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one
more [4] :
Rather proclaim it, Westmoreland, through my host
That he, which hath no stomach to this fight,

the king answered : I would not wishe a man more here than I have." &c. MALONE.

[1] My cousin Westmoreland?] In the quartos 1600 and 1608 this speech is addressed to Warwick, STEEVENS.

[2] By Jove!] The king prays like a Christian and swears like a heathen. JOHNSON.

I believe the player-editors alone are answerable for this incongruity. In consequence of the Stat. 3 James 1. c. xxi. against introducing the sacred name on the stage &c. they omitted it where they could : and in verse (where the metre would not allow omission) they substituted some other word in its place. MALONE.

[3] It YEARNS me not.] To *yearn* is to grieve or vex. So, in The Merry Wives of Windsor : " She laments for it, that it would *yearn* your heart to see it." STEEVENS.

[4] 0, DO not wish one more :]

Read (for the sake of metre) — " Wish not one more."
RITSON.